

will be put on a waiting list to receive the services they deserve.

I urge my colleagues to oppose these devastating cuts, which so many of our constituents rely upon.

**SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY  
STUDENTS AMBER LOWMAN**

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary group of young men and women who have been chosen as future leaders in our armed forces by the prestigious United States service academies. It is a privilege to send such a fine group from the Third District of Texas to pursue a world-class education and serve our nation.

As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the sacrifices they are preparing to make while defending our freedoms all across the globe. I am so proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America.

Today I salute Amber Lowman, a United States Naval Academy Appointee. Amber is a graduate of McKinney High School where she played volleyball as a right side hitter and a middle blocker and ran track and field participating in the long jump and triple jump. Amber was an active participant in her school's DECA club as their president, a member of Youth Leadership Board at Stonebridge United Methodist Church, and also a member of the McKinney High School Theatre Department taking a lead role in a musical. While balancing academics and extracurricular activities, Amber has also given much of her time to those in need serving as a volunteer for Special Olympics and the elderly at an assisted living center, and served as a camp counselor for those with special needs. Amber believes her readiness for adventure, leadership skills, and competitiveness will allow her to excel at a military academy. Her father is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and she looks forward to carrying on the tradition in Annapolis.

**IN HONOR OF DR. ROBBIE  
LATIMORE**

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great educator and woman of tremendous class and grace, Dr. Robbie Latimore. Dr. Latimore will retire on June 30, 2011, after more than 30 years of service at South Georgia Technical College in Americus, Georgia. She has played a tremendous role in the development of South Georgia Tech into one of the best technical colleges in Georgia and our Nation.

Dr. Latimore was born in Dublin, Georgia, to the union of the late Mark Smith, Sr. and Katie Smith. She graduated from Northwest Laurens High School in Dublin, received her B.S. de-

gree in Business Education from Fort Valley State College in Fort Valley, Georgia, and her Master's Degree in Business Education from Georgia Southwestern University in Americus, Georgia. And finally, she received her Doctorate of Education in Adult Education from the University of Georgia.

Since joining the faculty in 1981 as a Business Education professor, she has worked tirelessly to make South Georgia Technical College a dynamic institution of higher learning. Throughout her tenure, Dr. Latimore has held several leadership positions, including Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Student Services, Director of Instruction, Chair of the Business Education Department and Instructor.

The great author Zora Neale Hurston once said that, "There is nothing to make you like other human beings as much as doing things for them." Dr. Latimore has learned this lesson and dedicated her life to helping others to reach their full potential. She is involved with many organizations that aim to make the world a better place for all. Some of her community organizations include the Fort Valley State University National Alumni Association, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Phoebe Sumter Medical Center Board of Directors, the American Technical Education Association, and Education Committee Member for the Americus-Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, to name a few.

Dr. Latimore has also been married to her husband, Mr. Frank A. Latimore, for over 34 years. They have raised a daughter, Kourtney, and two sons, Brandon and Keiva, who are well on their way to making their own mark on society. And they have one grandchild, Bryce Alexander Latimore.

And lastly, Dr. Latimore is committed to her God. A dedicated member of the Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church in Americus, Georgia, Dr. Latimore believes that the Lord has ordered all of her steps and she gives Him all the glory for her successes in life and the ability to raise a productive family.

South Georgia Technical College should consider itself blessed for having a woman with the strength and character of Dr. Robbie Latimore, who gave her all to make the college a success. On behalf of the constituents of the Second Congressional District, I thank her for her service and wish her a happy retirement.

**RARE EARTH POLICY TASK FORCE  
AND MATERIALS ACT**

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that would help reestablish a competitive rare earth domestic supply chain as part of my ongoing effort to avert a rare earth supply crisis in the United States.

There are 17 rare earth minerals that are used in many advanced technologies, from computers to precision guided munitions to components necessary for the production of renewable energies. They are dispersed widely around the earth's crust but rarely in concentrations that are commercially viable.

With 97 percent of the world's supply of rare earth metals, China has proven to be an unreliable trading partner. Not only has their government ordered a reduction in exports of rare earth metals, but they have used their near monopoly status as leverage on unrelated issues.

My bill, the Rare Earth Policy Task Force and Materials Act, requires the Department of the Interior to establish a government-wide task force to review and report back on all U.S. laws, regulations or policies that discourage the reestablishment of a domestic rare earth industry.

It also calls for a comprehensive plan for research, development, demonstration, and commercial application to ensure the long-term, secure, and sustainable supply of rare earth materials for the United States. In addition, the plan includes proposals on how to promote recycling possibilities and alternative materials that could act as substitutes. The measures were also part of the RESTART Act of 2011, which I introduced earlier this year.

There is simply no reason to be almost 100 percent reliant on China for rare earth metals when we have such abundant resources here at home. I urge my colleagues to quickly move this legislation.

**SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY  
STUDENTS—JAMES KENNINGTON**

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OF TEXAS

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Today I salute James Kennington, a United States Naval Academy Appointee. James is a graduate of Plano West Senior High School where he participated in wrestling and earned varsity letters in 2010 and 2011. Extracurricular activities such as weight lifting and running also consumed James' time, including martial arts where he is a blue belt. James was also an active member of the Young Men's Service League as the vice president, and founded his own photography club which received several awards. Academic success has always been a part of James high school career. He received the College Board AP Scholar of Distinction, was a National Merit Commended Scholar, in the French Honor Society and National Honor Society, and scored a perfect score on two sections of the SAT. He stated in his application essay, "I feel deeply compelled to join the fight—to give all of myself for freedom, for brotherhood, and for country."